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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail.)

SERIOUS RAILWAY CRISIS.

LONDON, January 5th. Peace in the railway world depends upon the happenings of the next few days. The Trade Union leaders are divided as regards the outcome of the task of Mr. J. H. Thomas and his associates to persuade the delegates, who are meeting on January 7th, to accept the Government's offer. They will exert the utmost pressure to secure a favourable verdict, and, as a last resort, try to get a postponement of the final decision.

The delegates will be given every opportunity to discuss details. The conference may last three days. Anyhow, a very early return to work by the Extremists and the Moderates is anticipated.

In the event of another vote the Executive may resort to a ballot, although, in the case of the National Union of Railwaysmen, this is not customary.

Public opinion is freely expressed that the men will be unwise to reject the offer. Meanwhile, the Extremists' stand-point is that they won the last strike, and they think that they can win another. The opposition to the offer is based on a general desire to press for the original demand, namely, that 3ds. a ton shall be added to the highest rate of pay of each grade and the total be made a permanent standard rate, on the ground that this has already been conceded to drivers and firemen.

JAPAN AS THE PROTECTOR.

LONDON, Jan. 3. The Daily Mail, in the course of a leader, says: "As long as a Bolshevik State exists with its present doctrine there will be no respite for the world. This doctrine is that, not the brotherhood of man, but the barbed of class for class is the rule of human life. Nor can we overlook the recent Bolshevik victories which have brought the world, in the event of the collapse of Admiral Kolchak, as their consequence, the decision of Japan to hold Eastern Siberia. Japan thus attains a new position as a world Power such as the Fall of Port Arthur did not give her. She remains the only force capable of preventing Bolshevism from penetrating into China with all the disastrous results to human civilisation which such a penetration would bring in its train. Because of the iron resistance which her large well-disciplined forces would offer to the Bolshevik hordes, Lenin is not likely to run his head against such an antagonist. The real danger—and a grave danger—is that he may divert his attack to a new quarter and attempt to threaten India by arming and inciting to war the predatory tribes of the North-West Frontier."

DRESSOMANIA" EPIDEMIC.

WOMEN FLINGING MONEY AWAY ON CLOTHES.

Some women suffer from dressomania as others do from drugs," said one of the most eminent London solicitors to a Daily Express representative. The reflection was prompted by his part in recent divorce suits.

Women crave for new clothes as men for drink, and they experience the same effects, he added.

New clothes intoxicate a woman, give her temporarily a bright outlook on life, a feverish enjoyment for the moment, and bring a sparkle to her eyes and a flush to her cheek. In a word, they dull her sorrows and make her forget her worries; but their effects are short-lived, and the pleasure has died down almost before the new garments are sent home.

Dressomania is an old vice among the rich smart women of London, but recently it has spread to all classes. "I learn that when in grief a woman finds that new clothes serve to fill and soothe the nerves just as drink would dull the grief of a man. Clothes act as a counter excitement to divert the mind from its troubles. After these years of sorrow and nerve-racking excitement it is but natural that the women are plunging into mad orgies of clothes buying, along with their other excesses."

A journey through the West End shops proved to a Daily Express representative that dressomania is a raging epidemic. In the shop windows of women were buying as many as five or six pairs of evening slippers at a time. Silk stockings at a guinea or more a pair were being sold to customers by the dozen pairs. Lingerie costing more than pre-war evening gowns was being sold to women who were buying for sheer excitement. French frocks at thirty guineas apiece were being bought two or three at a time.

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KOWLOON COMMENTS.

(By The Kowloonatic.)

A Kowloon reader sends us a very useful suggestion in connection with the telephone directory. He points out that in all other cities where telephone systems exist, there is, in the directory, a numerical index as well as a name index so that a subscriber is able to ascertain on what page a given number may be found and thus find out the name of the firm. The suggestion is that this additional index should be added to the Hongkong telephone directory.

The Children's Sports given by the K.C.C. last Saturday, was another instance of the good work being done by the Club. Mr. A. C. Brown made pointed references to the need for outside support to enable the building of an adequate Club House and also additions to the ground which those present could not fail to have observed are urgently required.

There is not the slightest doubt that the Club will receive every encouragement for its new scheme from the Government and it likewise deserves the help of the general public. All can help by taking up debentures.

A point worthy of mention in connection with the Children's Sports is the quality of the prizes. There was nothing trashy or rubbishy about them and such useful articles as Kodak cameras and footballs were given away by the half dozens.

There is a "Notice" posted up adjacent to the Kowloon reservoirs to the effect that dire penalties will be inflicted on persons "ruffliting" the water. We wonder who is the pedant of the P.W.D. who passed this?

What is the difference between a Peashie, a Panjandrum and a Kowloon?

We regret to state that "Max" is suffering from a severe attack of indigestion owing to having swallowed a marble which he mistook for an egg. It is hoped that, under the tender ministrations of "Max" he will be convalescent in a few days.

At the K.C.C. Golf Section meeting last night, Mr. J. Hyde and Mr. H. Overy announced their intention of proceeding Home on leave, shortly. On this account Mr. Hyde refused to stand for re-election as Captain and Mr. H. Overy accepted the office of Secretary *pro tem.* Mr. Elson to "carry on" when he leaves.

There is to be a "Grand Golf Competition" at King's Park next Sunday, at least, so it is written down in soap, on a mirror in the K.C.C. Club House. One unkind member remarked that the match, like the inscription in soap, would end in a "wash out."

The match arranged by the Golf Section of the K.C.C., England v. Scotland, which had to be postponed on account of the death of the late Mr. Mead, has now been fixed for Sunday, January 25.

The suggestions as to cups and compositions were plentiful last night at the K.C.C., and certain members who were about to "depart" made sporting offers but it was decided that ways and means should be "decided later." Thereupon one member suggested that they should have a "Departing Cup" to be presented "later."

The Kowloonatic would like to be in the running when the distribution of those "silver mounted pork pies" takes place.

On behalf of the reporting staff of the China Mail, the Kowloonatic has been deputed respectfully to request those Kowloon gentlemen who organized this little "burglary" bear on Gun Club Hill to give warning of any similar function in future so that a representative of this paper may be present.

The Bishop of Victoria, during his address on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. G. H. Lindsay, M.A., to the Chaplaincy of St. Andrew's Church, expressed the opinion that people in Hongkong and Kowloon should live more simply, do more in their homes for themselves and not leave everything to Chinese servants.

The Government would do well to take note of this sound advice and bear it in mind when finally deciding the matter of that proposed hotel. If the Government takes our advice and builds small bungalows, it will then entice Kowloonites to act upon His Lordship's advice. Hotel life won't help matters in this direction. It's home life more than anything else, which brings people to thought of the more serious things in life. The Chinese have a saying,

THE FIRST NEWSPAPER.

THEORIES OF THE ORIGIN OF THE PRESS.

Sir George Riddell presided over a large gathering at the annual dinner of the Readers' Pensions Committee, held at the Carnon Street Hotel recently. Sir Auckland Geddes, M.P., proposed "Literature and the Press." He said the form of the toast was a sign of the times. He could not conceive this combination a generation ago. At that time these two half-sisters were not on speaking terms. (Laughter.) Lineally descended from their news letter, "The Press of this country had its beginnings in the curiosity, tempered by fear, of our forefathers, regarding the Armada. Out of that mixture of curiosity and terror ultimately arose the Press. The child of war, one of the daughters of Bellona. Literature sprang from the bards and the harpers, who in order to get their daily bread worked up the stories of the past. Fancy was always the mark of literature; in these days it seemed to be becoming also the mark of the Press. (Laughter.) Perhaps it would be best to let the two streams, Literature and the Press, separate, leaving literature to stimulate, to stir the imagination, to lead us onward and upward, and leave it to the Press to keep us informed of what was really happening, not only in England but in all the countries of the world. He knew of no organ of the Press to which one could turn to get a clear-sighted view of world movements, to get an unprejudiced statement of what was happening in every part of the world. It really was extraordinary how quite simple things, well within the knowledge of men in England, were misstated or incompletely stated or overstated.

EMOTIONS AND FACTS.

Lord Russell of Liverpool, in reply, reminded Sir Auckland Geddes, that it was impossible to have facts without emotions, and that when emotions were provoked or awakened by facts it was very natural for the Press to indulge immediately in literature as a means of giving, without delay, expression to the feelings which events could not but produce. Journalists had generally striven to tell the truth. The best journalist was the most literary journalist. He concluded with a tribute to the readers for the Press. Many a reader was a positive guardian of literature in a newspaper office.

Sir George Riddle proposed the toast of "Readers' Pensions," and in doing so he questioned the historical account which Sir Auckland Geddes gave of the origin of the Press. The first newspaper was printed every day on the walls of Rome by a politician engaged in a great military campaign, who thought it necessary that the electors at home should know what he was doing. Julius Caesar was the inventor of newspapers. (Laughter) and he was one of the greatest politicians the world ever saw. When he was in Gaul, on the Monday he sent a message: "I came"; on Tuesday he "saw"; and on Wednesday he sent: "I conquered." (Laughter.)

Ever since then politicians had taken the greatest interest in "the doings of newspapers." (Laughter.) Notwithstanding all its defects the Press was one of the most accurate things in the world. Nobody could be absolutely accurate for 365 days in the year. He would be a horrible bore if he were.

BEAUTY UNADORNED.

Among London's millions there were just eight women who had the courage to face a committee of journalists appointed as judges in a competition for ugliness, the winner to be given a leading part in a forthcoming theatrical production. Originally there were 34 applicants, but the number dwindled to the aforesaid eight when the critical moment arrived for their appearance at St. George's Hall. An extraordinary fact is that only three of the ladies were sufficiently ugly to win votes from the committee, and it is recorded without a smile that one of them was actually offered a position in a "beauty" chorus. She probably spent the rest of the day in consultation with a deceitful mirror. The winner received 14 votes out of a possible 18, and afterwards frankly expounded the philosophy of a girl without good looks to spare. She had never tried to improve her appearance. She didn't curl her hair. She confessed, apparently without emotion, that she had never met any one uglier than herself. The matter never troubled her at all, and she considered it an honour to have won the competition. "My face is my fortune, Sir," she might have said, in this unexpected hour of triumph over the "pretty maid."

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INTIMATIONS.

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THE CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK, LTD.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE above Bank has this day been REMOVED to Alexander Building, Chater Road, the premises recently vacated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

Hongkong, January 3, 1920.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, 14th January, 1920, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st January to WEDNESDAY, 14th January, 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to the
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General Agents for the
West Point Building Company, Limited.
Hongkong, December 24, 1919.

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Hongkong, January 5, 1920.

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Glassware, &c., Teakwood Twin
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BIRTHS.

CROFT.—On December 30, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Croft, a son.

JACOB.—On December 31, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Jacob, a son.

DEATHS.

LOYZAGA.—On December 24, at Manila, Sra. Da. Maria Martinez Garde de Loyzaga.

KINNEAR.—On December 29, in London, Henry Reid Kinnear, senior partner of Gibb, Livingstone & Co., aged 70.

The China Mail.

WEALTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN 8, 1920

ADVERSARIA.

As promised the other day, we come now to the subject of the use of economic pressure against the free expression of public opinion. We have undertaken to discuss with dignified restraint the various aspects, moral and political, of the action of Jardine's local manager in withdrawing the business of his clients from this paper on the admitted ground that he personally "objects to the general tone of the paper."

A point of commercial ethics, at once interesting to a newspaper for circulation and popularity, looks to a new paper for circulation and popularity. Business does not concern itself with political opinions in general, or with questions of literary style. The various firms for whom Jardine's act as agents, and whose advertisements have been stopped because Mr. Johnstone objects to the general tone of the paper, are not interested in its general tone. They are interested only in the advantages that it offers them. If they discover that they have been deprived of the benefits of its popularity and circulation for such a purely personal and unbusinesslike reason, they will probably conclude that as agents Jardine have things to learn.

There have been such rumours extraordinary rumours and facts spread in this gossiping place that we may as well state the simple facts. We are not airing any grievance. As our regular readers know, we at first regarded it as a blemish in the incident. A meaner man would have figured that he could

be reader complained (trivially) that along should dispose of the stupid and possibly malignant fable that the *China Mail* went to Jardine's to ask them to reconsider, "anything of that sort. These are the facts. On December 1 Jardine's, as general managers for the Indo-China Shipping Company, requested the immediate stoppage of the daily sailings notices, which had appeared in our columns for years.

It is stated that "We object to the general tone of the paper." Our representative thanked him and withdrew. Five days later Jardine's withdrew their engineering advt. On December 31 they stopped their subscription to the paper. The total loss of revenue to the *China Mail* is something between fifty and sixty dollars a month. Rumour-mongers are advised to consider the point whether any newspaper would allow any one man or firm to dictate its general tone for such a trifling sum.

It is now evident, however, that possibilities, there is at least the bare possibility that in places like this honest and outspoken newspapers might be intimidated in the discharge of their public duty by threats of economic pressure—providing the public were willing to submit. We have satisfactory assurances already that the Hongkong public is not willing, so we cannot pretend that there is any serious danger of a infringement of the liberty of the Press locally. We do not even suggest that any such has been attempted, as the rumour-mongers have done. We do not mind anything more than a simple, practical expression of his own personal dislate for our "general tone." Had he been a tradesman letting his personal tastes interfere only with his own business, we do not know that we should have considered him unreasonable. Such a pique would be foolish—according to the general view of "cutting off your nose to spite your face"—but it would be human. As agents for the proprietors of other businesses, however, Mr. Johnstone of Jardine's is in a different position. He and his clients must settle that between them.

We must say that the moral aspect of the incident affects us most. It is rather disconcerting, after so many preachers of tolerance and British fair-play to discover intolerance snaked and unashamed. A meaner man was generally remarked on by those who saw them.

have been less frank than Mr. Johnstone was. We give him full credit for candour, and for moral courage. It surely needs courage to show intolerance and avow it. Arguments may be offensive to you. Meet them with better arguments—that is what we mean by tolerance. Don't knock the man down. Don't take his bread and butter away from him. Don't use some incidental and irrelevant power you may possess to suppress him. That is what we mean by intolerance. That is what we believe to be immoral.

Let it be noted that HINCILLAS, we are not airing a grievance, nor (which is the more remarkable) indulging our own appetite for profitable advertisement. It is a fact that public support, both in circulation and advertising, has come to us in such volume as to render the decision of Jardine's insignificant. It is true that we were dismissing the incident as undeserving of more notice than the humorous one we gave it. These further references are made on the advice and at the request of a gentleman whose counsel we happen to value. We feared it might be a pose; he thought it a duty. The two things sometimes go together. Let the patient reader, therefore, excuse the occasional dry homily, when cause is shown, "until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 5s. 4d.

A message has been received in Shantou stating that General Luk Wing-ting died on January 3.

Invitations are out for the Congregation for conferring degrees at the Hongkong University on Friday January 16.

It is reported in Northern papers that the business premises of Messrs. Thompson Hannan & Co. at Dairen have been purchased by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

M. Reau, the Consul for France in Hongkong, who recently returned to the Colony from Home, is to relieve M. Wilden, the Consul-General at Shanghai, who is shortly going Home.

The substantial sum of about \$5,000 will be available for distribution among Shanghai charities as the result of the meeting arranged by the Shanghai Race Club on New Year's night.

It is stated that the M.P.s in Canton propose to bring the Constitutional Convention to an end on February 15, and a ceremony is to be held in the South-West Provinces to celebrate the event.

Referring to the attempt made on the life of Ku Yat-kwong, the leader of the Shih-tung troops and late Defence Commissioner of Shiu-hing, it is stated that Ku succumbed to the effects of the wounds. No arrest has been made.

The Dragon Motor Car Company are running special motor buses for the Repulse Bay Hotel tea and dinner dances on the evenings of Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, at 3:15, 7, and 8:30. If there are not sufficient passengers to warrant the running of the buses, those desiring to proceed to Repulse Bay will be accommodated in an ordinary car (both ways) at the same charge, viz. \$2 per head.

Another big fire occurred in Honan on Tuesday morning and more than 40 shops and houses were destroyed. According to reports the great fire which occurred in Salkiwan on January 4 destroyed 211 shops. Three of the 500s of the firecracker shop in which the fire originated were killed and six others were wounded by the explosion. The Superintendent of Police has sent officers to investigate the origin of the fire as incendiary in suspected.

It is reported that the Peking Government has recently appointed a General, whose surname is Chin, to prepare to settle the affair of the two Kwangs (Kwangtung and Kwangsi) by force of arms, as the Peking Government proses to reject the peace proposals of the South unless the Southern leaders surrender. General Chan has established his headquarters in Macao and has sent delegates to investigate the military situation in the two provinces.

The cups put up for the Novices' Competitions arranged by the Hongkong Boxing Association to take place to-morrow and Saturday are now on view at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, who have devoted a window to their display. The trophies make a fine collection, there being three cups for each class—winner, runner up and best loser. The cups for the winners and runners up are of a substantial and artistic design and should be sufficient incentive for the boxers to give the best that is in them. The prizes for the best losers are smaller in size but make capital mementoes. The handsome appearance of the cups was generally remarked on by those who saw them.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The health return issued to-day is blank.

Referring to the magnificent gift of £8,500 to the King's Fund for the Disabled, by the Ewo Cotton Co., the *N. C. Daily News* observes:— "The practice of memorializing good profits by fat donations to war funds, etc., is being increasingly observed by Shanghai companies and it is a very excellent one."

The following will represent the I.R.C. in their league match against the Craigengower C.C. on the former's ground, on Saturday, at 2 p.m.—A. H. Rumjahn (captain), A. el Arculli, G. C. Erde, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, A. A. Rumjahn, D. Rumjahn, M. B. Sufiadi, E. A. Moodeen, and A. R. Madar.

The Manchester Regiment, or what remains of it, has received its marching orders and will embark on the a.s. "Dongola" at about 9:30 to-morrow morning bound for Blighty and demobilization. We are sure that the best wishes of the Colony will go with them. Good Bye, brave boys, the *China Mail* wishes you bon voyage.

Mr. C. L. L. Williams, formerly in the American Consular service and also manager of the American Bank Note Company, who volunteered for special service during the war and acted as second Secretary of Legation, from which post he resigned in November, has been given the appointment of Associate Inspector General of the Wine and Tobacco Administration.

Discussing the disparity in steamer fares, owing to the exigencies of the war, the *N. C. Daily News* remarks:— "It seems quite probable that in the near future all fares from Shanghai to foreign ports will have to be paid in Mexican dollars and that the various Companies concerned will make the adjustment on a level basis, but before this can be done the agencies here will have to avail themselves of head offices.

Ten of the students of the Government Law School at Canton who went on strike owing to the change of headmaster have been ordered by the Civil Governor to be expelled from the school as they were said to be the ringleaders. The other students are ordered to return to school immediately or else they will also be dismissed. A message from Nanning states that the students there are in conflict with the local authorities to prevent the importation of foreign goods.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

SHANGHAI OPIUM BOUNDARIES.

[*China Mail* SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8. Allen, a Municipal Police Constable, was committed for trial, being concerned with several Chinese, for theft of opium from a native dwelling. The accused has a splendid war record.

SHANGHAI POLITICS.

CHINESE AGITATION FOR REPRESENTATION.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8. Mr. E. S. Little has published views warmly supporting the Chinese demand for representation on the Council, which the latter refuses.

The Chinese Government's attempt to enforce the stamp tax within the Settlement limits is hotly resented by the Council.

The Chinese may refuse to pay the municipal rates. Grave developments are probable.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[By Arrangement with the *Wah Tsai* Yat Po.]

SHANGHAI, January 7. Premier Kun, Wang Pang has invited the leaders of the various parties to a financial conference to discuss the end of the lunar year.

The militiamen of the North and South will be on good terms on the disbandment of their troops. They are supporting each other in the carrying out of the scheme, which should proceed smoothly.

The body guards of the ex-Premier at the Metropolis have been removed to Peh Yuen.

General Chu Shu Tsang reports from Urga that he is starting for Peking.

General Li Hau Ki, of Foochow, reports that the Japanese fleet left Foochow on January 4, and that Messrs. Wong Hung Nien and Shum Shau Kwan are continuing their investigations into the Foochow outrage.

THEFT OF AN OVERCOAT.

STORY OF AN EXCITING CHASE.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, this morning, a Chinese was charged with the larceny of an overcoat the property of Mr. J. Smith of No. 169, Wanchai Road, and pleaded "not guilty."

Mr. Smith, an engineer of the Hongkong Electric Company, giving evidence, said that at about 9:30 yesterday morning, he was standing at the kitchen door talking to the house boy, whilst the coolie was scrubbing the hall. After he had completed his work, the coolie opened the front door to let the hall dry and went to scrub under the staircase. Whilst he was so engaged, he heard the clothes rack in the hall rattle, and looking out, saw the defendant leaping by the front door with the overcoat on his arm. The coolie called out "thief man" and witness, rushing into the hall, asked him "what side go." The coolie replied "front side." Witness then ran out by the front door and saw the defendant running with the overcoat on his right arm. Witness gave chase. The defendant branched off into Wood Road and thence to Morrison Hill. Witness continued the chase. Looking round and seeing that witness was gaining on him, the defendant threw down the overcoat and continued to run. Witness took no notice of the coat but continued to give chase. Just then a motor car came along Morrison Hill going towards Wood Road. Witness called out "stop thief" and the car stopped. Lt.-Comdr. Kilgour who was in the car asked witness what was the matter and witness told him that the defendant had stolen an overcoat. Comdr. Kilgour thereupon turned round his car and chased the defendant. When they got to Jardine's property at the foot of Morrison Hill, Comdr. Kilgour ran his car in front of the defendant who then stopped running and was grabbed by a coolie who was working on Jardine's property.

The defendant said he was walking with a friend along Wanchai Road yesterday morning when, after they had passed the complainant's house, his friend told him to wait a while, while he went in to take his coat.

Witness waited and soon afterwards his friend returned with the overcoat and handing it to him instructed him to take it home. As he was walking away with what he thought was his friend's overcoat, the complainant rushed out of the house and chased him.

Witness ran, but he did not run because he was guilty of having stolen the coat. If the coat was stolen, it was his friend who had stolen it.

Asked if he would like to call any witnesses, the defendant replied in the negative.

His Worship, without hearing further evidence, convicted him and passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

—WILLIAM HILL.

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TRIOLET.

She sits in church three rows behind, And I can't see her, on my honour, So I might just as well be blind. She sits in church three rows behind, And sometimes I have felt inclined To turn and boldly gaze upon her. She sits in church three rows behind, And I can't see her, on my honour,

ECHO OF LA FAVORITE BURGLARY.

Before Mr. Smith this morning, Sergeant Dorling made an application on behalf of the proprietor of La Favorite, for an order calling upon three pawnbrokers of Wellington Street to return without payment certain velvet which formed part of the articles stolen from the shop by burglars recently, on the ground that the pawnbrokers did not exercise sufficient care to ascertain whence the goods came before taking them into pawn.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, who appeared for the pawnbrokers, said that if his Worship took evidence, he would find out that there was no gross negligence on the part of the pawnbrokers who had made all the necessary enquiries from the man who pawned the velvet before taking it into pawn, and paid liberally for the stuff.

The report puts the cost of the work of putting the West, North and East rivers out of danger of inundation at \$35,000,000, this being \$1,000,000 in excess of the 1915 estimate. The time estimated is fifteen years and the report suggests that the farmers should pay a yearly tax of 30 cents a mow for flood protection works.

"Keeping in mind" the report continues, "the losses inflicted by one single flood, as for instance that of 1915, when, according to a very moderate estimate values of up to ten million dollars were destroyed,

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (on account of the concerned),

SATURDAY,
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10.30 a.m. at their Sales Rooms,
No. 8 Des Voeux Road, Corner
of Ice House Street.

A Quantity of
Dress Materials, Flannel and
Flannelette, Serge, Alpacas, &c., &c.,
Blankets, Counterpanes, Hosiery,
Children's Suits, Jerseys, Handker-
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Also
Several Sets of Lady's Furs and a
number of Fur Rugs, Travelling
Rugs.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 5, 1920.

(For Account of the Concerned),

M O N D A Y,
January 12, 1920, at 10.30 a.m.,
at No. 38, The Peak.

THE
Valuable Household Furniture,
&c., &c., &c.
therein contained.

As follows:—
Large Teakwood Hallstand, Hall
Carpet and Rugs, Upholstered Teak
Arm-Chairs, Sofa and Corner Seat by
Powell, Brass Standard Lamps, Extend-
able Dining Table and Chairs, Marble-
top Sideboard and Dinner Wagon, Sundry Glassware, &c., Teakwood Twin
Bedsteads, Large and Small Wardrobes,
Dressing Table, Chest-of-drawers, (Po-
well make) Teak and Iron Cots, and
Nursery Furniture, Pantry, Kitchen and
Bathroom Utensils including a large
Dinner Service and Ice Chest (Lane
Crawford make).

Also
Piano by Derner & Sohn, Stuttgart,
Oscillating Fans, Garden Tools and
Mower, Pot Plants including several lots
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Bookcase, &c., (fumed Teakwood), Side-
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Tables and Chairs, &c., Dinner
Services, Crockery, and Glass Ware,
Cooking Utensils, Cutlery, &c., Bath
Room Utensils, Electro-Plated Ware,
Electric Heating Lamps, Teakwood
Screens, a Supply of Blackwood Furni-
ture, Mahogany Fire Screens, &c., Side
Tables, Chair, Cabinets, Pictures, &c.,
Carpet, new and second-hand
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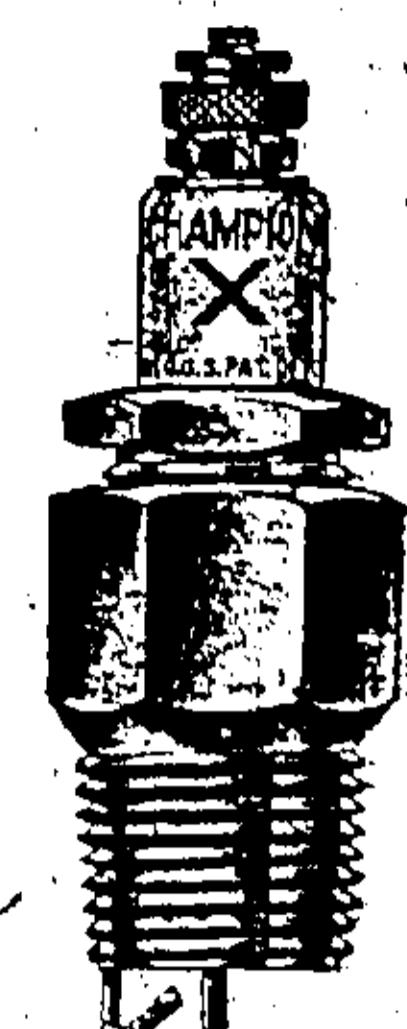
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ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

SOME DRESSES AND AN IMPRESSION.

The shabby old City Hall was completely metamorphosed on Twelfth Night when everyone flocked to the scene of festivities, on the occasion of the great Ball, given by the Society of St. George.

The first one they have had for years, and also by the way, the first big Ball the Gossip has seen in Hongkong. It was a lovely sight. Lights, flowers, bunting; pretty women in pretty frocks, men in uniform, men in mufi, and sounds of music.

Thousands of people there seemed to be!

The dancing floor was packed to the point of discomfort, but no one seemed to mind, for the crowds hardly lessened and everyone kept on dancing until 2.30 p.m.

Rows of dear little sitting out boxes on the verandas, added a spice of adventure to an otherwise decorous occasion.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the suite, entered to the strain of the National Anthem, played by the Band of the Wiltshires who, by kind permission of Colonel Wyndham and the officers of the regiment, provided the dance music; and a great treat it was to have a real lovely military band to dance to. I have never heard such good music in Hongkong. It made one forget the crush and everything but the desire to move and sway the strains. I noticed that a number of the good dancers seemed to surpass themselves. There was one girl whose movements were fascinating to watch. She was dark and rather languid looking, her figure supple and slender swayed slightly as she danced. Her actions seemed involuntary and seemed to be born of the sound and to obey an instinct to keep time to its fascinating sycophany. She is a new comer and is seen about in society upon many occasions, perhaps others noticed her too; she certainly knows how to dance.

There were some lovely dresses, quite the most striking costume was worn by Mrs. Walker. It appeared to be of dark embroidered taffetas, and was made over a small crinoline or hoop.

Few women could have worn it and if anyone is thinking of copying, let them study their figure and afterwards their dressmaker; it wants an artist to build a dress like that and a darling and smart woman to don it.

Mrs. Walker's daring was justified for she looked both smart and charming in it and all the other women admired and discussed her dress.

Lady Rees-Davies looked graceful and smart in a black velvet gown showing an under bodice of white lace.

Mrs. Stabb was in white brocade and Mrs. Pollock in white draped with gold lace.

Fish tails were greatly in evidence and in most cases spoiled the appearance of the dresses.

A perfectly delightful frock of crepe de chine in pale yellow, was marred by the addition of one of these ridiculous trains. Another woman wore a tight robe of iridescent spangled net in tones of blue, the gown which looked very expensive would have been handsome with another four inches added to the length of the skirt and with the omission of the tail.

As it was, a fair tail allied to a spangled dress, gave the appearance of a mermaid and somehow one demands a certain type for a mermaid.

Pink in all colours from crushed strawberry to vieux rose was very popular.

I should, of course, describe the dresses of all the ladies in the official set of lancers. They are a little difficult to remember, but I seem to recall a memory of Mrs. Gurner in a handsome black gown in which brocade was introduced in graceful drapery. Lady Rees-Davies, Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Stabb's dresses I have already mentioned. Mrs. Young wore white satin, Mrs. Halifax a draped gown of smoke grey satin and taffetas caught with pink roses. Mrs. Wolfe in blue satin made in circular frills, very simple and Mrs. Johnstone in pink satin.

These descriptions do not sound very convincing; they are impressions.

Anyone who was present can fill in the details from memory and anyone who was not at the Ball will probably see the same frocks at the opera or at some big show though I do not hear of any more big dances, for the present.

I liked watching the barn dance. There was a self conscious air of well bred self restraint in the raised feet of the modern dancers, as who should say, "this belongs to another class and another age," and yet it is not so very long ago that the Barn Dance bowed its exit in favour of the new favourite.

There was one man whose toe work was a joy to behold. He shone particularly in the lancers, skipping and

ARMED ROBBERY.

The report of another armed robbery comes from Wong Nai Wu, Tai Shek Kee Valley. It is reported that at about 12.30 this morning, seven men, one armed with a chop, entered an unnumbered matted between Yaumati and the Beaconsfield tunnel. After holding up the inmates, they ransacked the place, but were not rewarded with any more substantial booty than \$750, which represented all the wealth of the poor country folk. No one was molested by the robbers. Detectives have been put on the case but no arrests have yet been made.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on Nov. 12.

The week's trading has been marked by a series of fluctuations in the prices of raw cotton. At the close, however, with news of a settlement of the coal strike in the United States, values are again rising, and with Spot Cotton at New York now at 40.20 cents per pound, a new high level has been reached.

On the 6th inst. the issue of the fourth Ginning Report, showing the amount ginned up to November 1 as \$6,274,000 bales, comprising

7,777,000 bales to the corresponding date last year, caused another slight fall in prices.

These reactions seem inevitable at present owing to the fact that weather news is so consistently viewed in the most unfavourable light and any consequent effect on the crop is thereby more than discounted beforehand.

It is, however, still apparent that other factors are responsible for the continued strength, and of these the bullish spot situation and persistent trade buying are probably the most important.

Although there has been this irregularity in the prices of the raw material, it has not in any way checked the upward movement in the yarn and cloth sections. These sections have been remarkably active and a considerable business has again been transacted.

Commitments in all classes of goods are now very heavy indeed and the result is that not a few producers definitely refuse to book anything further.

Generally, however, the reluctance to take on further engagement leads to higher quotations, but the pressure to buy continues to such an extent that these dearer prices are readily paid.

Such is the position in fact—most makers would be content to stop booking until the position for such distant delivery as is now demanded, becomes clearer, but on the other hand many buying

India perhaps especially, show the greatest anxiety to place lots for which delivery is rapidly becoming impossible.

The consequence of this situation is that prices are being rapidly forced up and the movement seems likely to continue so long as the present demand is maintained.

Although cotton is dearer, cloth prices have not as yet reached the level obtained just before the Armistice but there appears every prospect of that level being attained in the near future and there would again seem to be many reasons for a more cautious policy.

prancing like the traditional French dancing master of the Empire period.

One could not gather whether he meant to be funny, or just could not help himself.

After the eighth dance supper was served. His Excellency the Governor and the President of the Society, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, with his wife and a distinguished party were seated on the stage at a beautifully decorated, but exceedingly draughty table.

It is one of the consolations of the unimportant that the seas of the mighty are not always as comfortable as they appear to be. The rest of the guests were splendidly accommodated at small tables in the body and galleries of the opera house, the was more than pretty, it was

brilliant. Poor Captain Wheeler carried in the Boar's Head on his own head, and stood in silence while the band played suitably, his neck must have been stiff by the time the ferocious looking head was deposited upon a table, from whence it glared angrily at the crowd. Was it the result of his glassy eye or the eating of his flesh that caused nightmare to the greedy one who went straight home to bed after supper.

Supper was a lengthy and enjoyable affair, no one seemed in a hurry to leave the cheery room.

The usual toast, "The King," was proposed by His Excellency and honoured in the usual way, and then the President made a very short and effective speech, and handed our worthy bouquets to the committee and sub-committees individually and collectively, and then turned his attention to the British Empire.

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Gentlemen.—The General Agents now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

None of us I suppose contemplated

CORRESPONDENCE.

A TRIBUTE TO HONGKONG.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Dear Sir.—Now that what is left of the 1st G. & M. Manchester Regiment have got their "Marching Orders" I should like to take this opportunity through the medium of your columns of thanking most heartily all these residents who have so materially helped to make our stay in this Colony so agreeable and pleasant.

None of us I suppose contemplated

that Hongkong was to be our final station before demobilization but if we have not gathered much additional

Military knowledge, our minds have been enlarged and our eyes have been opened to the fact that this Colony is one to be proud of not only as forming part of the British Empire but also for the vast commercial undertakings which exist.

We shall now be able to speak about Hongkong as a real place and not as a place "Somewhere east of Suez."

Yours faithfully,

R. K. HARVEY,

Lieut. Colonel.

Commanding, 1st Garrison,

Bn. Manchester Regiment.

Hongkong. Jan. 7, 1920.

SPORTS.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

In the above Handicap last night W. A. Morgan—125, met C. Hatt—20. Nothing of any special note was seen in either men's play. Morgan the book marker being right off colour. The highest break of the evening was 22 by Hatt while the best Morgan could do was 17. The final score was C. Hatt—20, 250.

W. A. Morgan—125, 158.

To-night's game should produce

some good billiards from Mr. Gerard.

W. G. Gerard—125 meet F. H. Woolman—20.

Game commences at 9 p.m.

FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Club in their League game with The Police on Saturday, 10th January at the Navy Grounds Kick-off at 4 p.m.

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CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB.

The following will represent the I.R.C. in their league match against the Craigengower Cricket Club, on the former's ground on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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H.K.C.C. v. R.E. AND INDIAN ARMY.

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Speaking at Wolverhampton recently, Field Marshal Earl Haig of Bemersyde said: "I have been reading Ludendorff's memoirs, and one of the things that most struck me as a man who has the responsibility of a great command, was the mental distress and hopelessness of outlook that overcame him when he realised that the instrument with which he worked, the great German Army had broken to pieces in his hand. That is an experience that never had to contemplate. (Cheers.) I knew then even though the men I commanded were hopelessly outnumbered, though their own numbers were reduced, and their strength tried to the utmost by the strain of great unequal battles, yet such men as remained to me would each of them fight a man's battle, and fight it the more stubbornly, the more desperate conditions grew. (Cheers.) The splendid instrument that served me might ultimately be worn out, but so long as it existed at all it would go on working; it would never break to pieces in my hand. (Cheers.) No man who has seen and understood what strength the spirit of comradeship gives to an army in the field can fail to do his utmost now that the war is over to preserve that same spirit among the nation in peace. I look first to the men who fought with me in France and Belgium to keep that spirit alive now that they have come home. But that spirit is not, and should not be the exclusive possession of fighting men, 't all men and women who believe, I do, that the future peace and happiness of the world is bound up with the happiness and prosperity of this great country. (Cheers.) If you are to have success you must have order and organisation. But these would break down at the critical moment unless each man engaged on the work is willing and able not merely to do his own job well, but to lend a helping hand to his neighbour if in difficulties.

WHAT THE HANDS TELL.

The size, shape and texture of the hands have been regarded from very distant times as highly indicative of character. From the hands also it is easily possible to form a substantially accurate opinion as to their possessor's health.

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If a man's hands are told as told by your hands interests you, surely the much more reliable evidence the hands give as to your health should not be ignored. For to do so is but to court disaster, and the development of the trouble they indicate into worse stages.

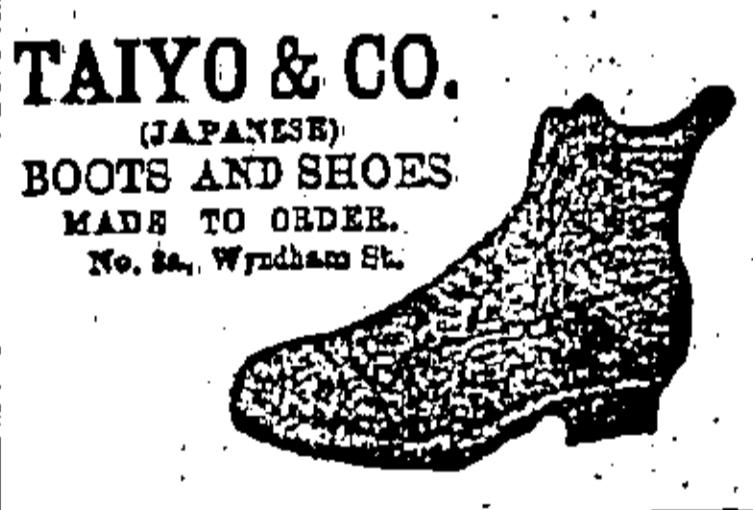
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Hongkong Banks	865 b.
MARINE INSURANCE.	
Canton Ins.	890 b.
North China Ins.	810 b.
Union Ins.	810 b.
Yangtze Ins.	810 b.
For Masters	810 b.
Fire INSURANCE.	
China Fire Ins.	812 b.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	820 b.
General	
Donglase	890 b.
H.L. Steamship Co.	892 b.
Indo-China (P.L.)	890 b.
Do. (Deli)	810 b.
Shell Transport	810 b. ex div.
Star Ferries	830 b.
Insurance.	
China Sugar	1013 b.
Malabar Sugar	845 b.
MINE.	
Kalan Mining Adm.	105 b.
Langkawi	105 b.
Shanghai Loans	105 b.
Shai Explorations	105 b.
Rebels	82 b.
Tronch Mines	40 b.
Ural Carpets	80 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, COBWAYS, ETC.	
H. & K. Wharfs	860 b.
H. & W. Docks	8170 b.
Shai Docks	8115 b.
New Engineering	828 b.
Kailons	810 b.
Horns & Bumbers	800 b.
Central Estates	8100 b.
Hongkong Hotels	8100 b.
Hongkong Bands	818 b.
Humphreys	853 b.
Kowloon Lands	8110 b.
Land Reclamation	8110 b.
West Point	890 b.
COTTON MILLS.	
Ewo Cottons	8500 b. ex div.
Kung Yiu	811 b.
Loek Kung Mows	8300 b.
Oriental	8300 b.
Shanghai Cottons	8300 b.
Yangtzeopco	833 b.
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Cement	86.80 b.
China Porcelain	815 b.
China Lights Old	87 b. & New 85 b.
China Providents	87.80 b.
Dairy Farms	88 b.
E.R. Electronics	88 b.
Mass. 1b.	834 b.
Hongkong Ropes	89 b.
E.R. Tramways	77.70 b.
Peak Tramways (Old)	87 b.
do. (New)	80 b.
Steam Laundry	82 b.
E.R. Steel Foundry	810 b.
Water-bags	811 b.
Wet-closets	853 b.
Wm. Powells	812 b.
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WEATHER REPORT.

January 8, 12 m.—No return from Vladivostok, Japan, the Philippines or the Marianas.

Pressure has increased considerably at Wuhawei, moderately at Shanghai, and slightly from Tsurane.

A moderately strong anticyclone is central over the lower Yangtze Valley.

Such a strong movement will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.00 inches, against an average of 0.18 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. on January 9th, 1920.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. N. winds, fresh; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau. The same as No. 1.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER
REPORT.

JANUARY 8, 1920, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Temperature.	Humidity.
Vladivostok	8 a.m.	30.01	W	1	35.45	60
Seoul	6 a.m.	30.01	W	1	35.45	60
Hokkaido	—	—	—	—	35.45	60
Tokio	—	—	—	—	35.45	60
Kochi	—	—	—	—	35.45	60
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